

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected Claims 11, 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over the admitted prior art and objected to Claims 12-20 and 23-28 as dependent upon a rejected claim. The Examiner also indicated that Claims 1-10 are allowed.

Accordingly, the applicants have cancelled Claim 11, without prejudice, and have rewritten Claims 12, 13 and 17 to include all limitations of that claim, thereby placing them in allowable form. Claims 21 and 22 have been amended to depend from Claim 12, as rewritten. Therefore, all remaining pending claims, as amended in part, are believed to be in allowable form.

The applicant is submitting an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c) to make of record a patent received with a search report issued in a corresponding PCT International Application for this case. The search report found that all claims in the international application meet the substantive requirements with respect to novelty and inventive step. Accordingly, the new art is not believed to affect the patentability of the claims pending before the U.S.P.T.O.

A statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e) is attached to the information disclosure statement. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2).

An additional filing fee of \$86.00 is due to cover the one independent claim (four total) over the three covered by the basic fee. Please charge this cost and any other cost associated with this transmittal to our Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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